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THE present series supplements some articles under a similar title published in the MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, in 1906-1907. An account of the known history of the Halley family appeared in *The Genealogist,* new series (London), for July, 1908, Vol. 25, part 1, while a paper on the Pike or Pyke families of London and Greenwich was printed in *Notes and Queries* (London), for July 20, 1907 (tenth series, Vol. 8, No. 186, pp. 44-45). The inedited lists and abstracts of Halley or Hawley wills and administrations which follow are from the Probate Registry at Lichfield, and were made personally by Mr. R. J. Beevor, M. A. (Trinity College, Cambridge), of "Reymerston," Manor Road, St. Albans, England. Entries preceded by an asterisk (*) represent documents still extant, but the dagger (†) signifies that the documents thus marked are no longer extant; of such, only the record exists.

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LICHFIELD

† 1532, May	Hylley, Margaret	Mancelter.
† 1532, May 15	Halley, Thomas	Elmeton, 31 b.
* 1536	Halley, Henry	Youlgreave, 25 b.
* 1552, Sept. 13	Halley, Richard	Ashborne, 44 b.
* 1558, April 20	Halley, Robert	Denvent or Youlgreave, 123 b.
* 1559, May 8	Healey, Agnes	Bromshelf, 168 b.
* 1559, April 5	Halley, Robert	Youlgreave, 159.
† 1559, Oct. 7	Halley, Thos	Checkley, 174 b.
* 1564, April 11	Helay, John	Elmeton, 51 b.
* 1577, April 17	Halley, John	Youlgreave, 87
† 1585-6, Nov. 3	Halley, Richard	Checkley, 108
* 1590, Dec. 9	Halley, Thomas	Checkley, 146 b.
† 1594, Dec. 3	Halley, William	Elton, 124.
† 1596, July 29	Hawley, Robert	Youlgreave, 166.
† 1596, Oct. 28	Hawley, William	Cheddleton, 166.
† 1597, July 1	Halley, Humphrey and Margaret	Cheddleton (Ad.), 190 b.
* 1597-8, Oct. 30	Hawley, John	Youlgreave, 234 b.
1602, Aug. 30	Halley, John	Youlgreave (Ad.), 92 b.

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* 1604, March 29.....	Hawley, Richard.....	Youlgreave, 133.
* 1605, July 19.....	Halley, Agnes.....	Elton, 174.
* 1605, July 19.....	Halley, Ellen.....	Youlgreave (Ad.), 174.
* 1607, April 17.....	Hawley, John.....	Checkley, 4.
* 1606-7, March 12....	Hawley, Richard.....	Youlgreave (Ad.), 213.
* 1609-10, Jan. 16.....	Halley, John.....	Mackworth (Ad.), 99.
* 1613, Dec. 13.....	Halley, Henry.....	Youlgreave, 43 b.
† 1613, Oct. 21.....	Halley, William.....	Youlgreave, 34.
* 1623, July 1.....	Hawley, Robert.....	Youlgreave (Ad.), 195 b.
† 1626, May 17.....	Halley, Richard.....	Youlgreave (Ad.), 18.
* 1629, Nov. 6.....	Hawley, John.....	Clowne.
* 1630, May 24.....	Halley, Margery.....	Checkley.
* 1631, Sept. 15.....	Hawley, Richard.....	Youlgreave (Ad.).
* 1632, Sept. 3.....	Hawley or Halley, Edward	Hixton (Ad.).
† 1633, Oct. 11.....	Hawley, Catherine.....	Hanbury.
* 1634, June 3.....	Hawley, Richard.....	Yolgreave.
* 1637, April 6.....	Hawley, Francis.....	Killamarsh (Ad.).
* 1648, June 7.....	Hawley, Elizabeth.....	Hathersage.
1660, Oct. 1.....	Hawley, George.....	Denby.
1661, Sept. 24.....	Hawley, Anthony.....	Yolgreave.
1661, Sept. 13.....	Hawley, Thomas.....	Yolgreave.
1667, Sept. 20.....	Hawley, Edward.....	Ashborne.
1667, April 3.....	Hawley, Ralph.....	Winster.
1668, July 8.....	Hawley, James.....	Stockton, Bk. A, p. 215.
1667-8, March 17.....	Hawley, John.....	Chesterfield.
1669, August 10.....	Hawley, James.....	Stoneley.
1672, Sept. 13.....	Hawley, Robert.....	Castleton (Ad.).
1675, May 7.....	Hawley, George, Ann and Grace.....	Ashborne.
1683, Sept. 28.....	Halley, Anthony.....	Checkley.
1684, March 26.....	Hawley, George.....	Yolgreave.
1685	Hawley, George.....	Stowe (Ad.).
1689, April 12.....	Hawley, John.....	Checkley (Ad.).
1695, July 16.....	Halley, John.....	Aston, Birmingham.
1696, April 15.....	Halley, George.....	Yolgreave.
1698, Nov. 16.....	Hawley, Richard.....	Stony Middleton.
1684-5, March 3.....	Halley, Thomas.....	Fairfield.
1697, Oct. 11.....	Hally, Henry.....	Taddington, 71 vol. d.
1700, July 29.....	Hawley, John.....	Eccleshall.
1704	Hawley, John.....	Kniveton (Ad.).
1708, April 23.....	Hawley, Henry.....	Bakewell.

1709, June 15.....	Halley, Ann.....	Eccleshall (Ad.).
1716, Nov. 21.....	Halley, James.....	Eccleshall (Ad.).
1729, May 25.....	Hawley, Joseph.....	Eccleshall (Ad.).

PECULIARS

1634, May 22.....	Hawley, Robert.....	Hope.
1637	Hawley, Matthew.....	Tideswell (missing).
1662, Nov. 10.....	Hawley, ————.....	Millmica.
1683-4, Feb. 26.....	Hawley, James.....	Croxton.

It will be noted that, under the caption "Lichfield," the surname Halley occurs several times between the years 1532 and 1594, but, under the same heading, the name Hawley does not appear until 1596, although after that date the two surnames are used interchangeably in a given family. This lends color to the belief that the families of Halley and Hawley in Derbyshire and Northamptonshire were of identical origin. The coat armorial ("Sable, a fret and a canton argent") ascribed by John Aubrey to Dr. Edmond Halley, is by Papworth assigned also to "Hales, Hauley, co. Devon; Hawleys" with authorities as follows: "Glover's Ordinary Cotton MS. Tiberius D, 10; Harl. MS 1392, and 1459," which could, no doubt, be consulted in the British Museum. The interchangeability of the names Halley and Hawley in a single family is further illustrated by some of the abstracts of wills at Lichfield, made also by Mr. Beevor and given below, viz.:

Thomas Halley of Tayne in the parish of Checkley, April 24, 1590. Third share of goodes to wife Isabell; residue to sons Richard and Thomas. To young John Hawley one ewe and a lamb. Unto Antony Hawley my best brass pott. To John Bagnall the elder one ewe and a lamb. To young Margery Halley 11s. vid. Wife and son Richard ex.

John Hawley of the parish of Checkley, March 12, 1606: To my fyve children: An, John, Thomas, Phyllip and Edmond, four score pound. Son Anthonie, Wife Margery. Proved April 7, 1607.

John Hawley of Clowne, in the co. of Derby, taylor. Oct. 1, 1629. To Elizabeth Hawley als Thomas my sister's dau. deceased (*sic*) 12d. Cousins Christopher, Francis and Elizabeth Hawley, 6d. each. To Edmond Woodhead, my late landlord, 5s. Residue to wife, sole exix. Witnesses:—Thomas Bowyer, the elder, and Edmond Woodhead. Proved Nov. 6, 1629.

Margerie Halley of Nether Teane, widdow. Feb. 17, 1629, to be buried at Checkley. Son Anthonie, son John H., dau. Anne Brackley, My dau.-in-law Anne Halley of this house, One sheep to each grandchild. Residue between sons Philippe and Edmond. Son Philippe exr. Proved May 24, 1630.

Robert Hawlie of the Birkinlee in the parish of Hope in the co. of Derby, Jan. 22, 1633. Son Robert, dau. Marie. Supposed dau. Dyones wife of Thomas Eyre. Wife Elizabeth sole ex^{ix}. Proved May 22, 1634.

George Hawley of Denby, Free Mason. Patrick, eldest son; Richard, 2nd son; John, 3rd son; William, 4th son. Anne, eldest dau. now wife of Richard Saxton. Isabel, 2d dau., Elizabeth. Isaac, youngest son. Margaret, youngest dau.; loving wife Ann, sole exix. June 21, 1659. Witnesses: Geo. Eyre, Mary Crosse. Proved Oct. 1, 1660.

Nuncupative will of John Halley of Water Orton de la Bourne, of the parish of Aston, Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, 1695. 'Waring cloths' to brother Edward Halley; residue to wife. Marks of Al^{n} Allen, El^{ner} Chatterton. Proved July 16, 1695.

George Halley of Elton, in the parish of Youlgreave, made deed of gift of all his property to son William Halley. April 4, 1692. Ad^{mn}. granted to son and to Isaac Briddon. April 15, 1696.

Richard Hawley of Stony Midleton, in the co. of Derby, yeoman. Oct. 8, 1698. Son Richard £30 and sealed (*sic*) ring; grandson Richard Hawley, £5; dau. of son Richard, £5; Elizabeth Greene, £3 and plain ring; nephew Joshuah Hawley, 10s.; Niece Ann Hawley, 10s.; niece Martha Bland, 10s.; niece Elizabeth Hollingworth, 10s. 10s. for funeral sermon; dau. Alice Williamson ex^{ix}. and to have residue. Witnesses:—Joseph Hunt, rector of Eyam; Dennis Ragg, his mark, John Thomly.

(*Second Paper*)

SOME of Dr. Edmond Halley's ancestors are known to have resided at Alconbury, from the parish register of which the rough notes following were made. They are subject to verification, as to details, with the exception of entries relating to persons surnamed Halley, which were carefully checked.

BURIALS:

Katherine Halley, wife of Humphrey, buried Sept. 12, 1668.
1672. John Cawthorne, Senr. Apr. 30.
John Pike, son of Henry and Barbary, Sept. 17.
Thomas Mewes, Dec. 3.
John Cawthorn, son of William and Elizabeth, accidentally drowned, 8 Jan.; bur. Jan. 13.
1673. Elizabeth Cawthorne, wife of John, Sept. 28.
1674. Sarah C., wife of John, Sept. 29.
Mary C., dau. of John and Sarah, Oct. 12.
1676. Humphrey Halley, gent., May 26.
1684. Francis Pike, widower, Nov. 6.
1685. Humphrey Cawthorne, Nov. 29.
1685-6 Henry Pike, Feb. 6.

MARRIAGES:

1625. Thomas Mewes and Joana Take, 20 Oct.
1633. John Pike and Sarah Plackett, 30 Oct.
1654. John Pike and Frances Wakfield, pub. Apr. 16, 23, 30; mar. May 4.
1657. Francis Pike and Alice Coke, Dec. 15.
1672. John Ward and Mary Norman, June 17.
1674. John Ward and Eliz. Martin, April 20.
1675. John Ward and Mary Clifton, Sept. 20.
1685. John Ward and Katherine Housen, widow of Sawtry.
1691. Thomas Clerk, widower, and Sybilla Rhemington, widow, Nov. 5.

As Francis Halley in his will (dated June 28, 1698; proved Sept. 8, 1702; P. C. C., reg. Marlboro, fo. 126) mentioned his "sister Mary Ward, wife of John Ward," as well as "Nicholas Wright of the parish of St. Giles, Cripplegate," search was made by Mr. Beevor in the P. C. C. Index, 1710-1729 (wills only, not all the administrations) for John Ward, with this result:

1710. Ward, John, London; August, 194, (citizen and clothier, mentions great grandchildren.)
1710. Ward, John; "pts." 235 (a seaman).
1711. Ward, John; London, (*Adm.*)
1713. Ward, John; (*Adm.*)

1713. Ward, or War, John; Surrey; Aug. 197.
1716. Ward, John; London; Oct. 199. (Barber-Surgeon; wife Elizabeth.)

1719. Ward, John; Essex; July, 138.
1719. Ward, John; Sussex (*Esq.*); July, 138.
1720. Ward, John; "Pts." Feb. 47.
1721. Ward, John; Essex; Sept. 171. (?)
1722. Ward, John; London, Dec. 247.
1726. Ward, *Sir* John; London, March 63.
1726. Ward, John; Northants; 135.
1727. Ward, John; Mid.; May (*Adm.*)
1729. Ward, John; London; 60.
1729. Ward, John; Mid.; 352.

"No Nicholas Wright will during this period."

The 1726 testator of Northants was of Bozeat, widower and yeoman; he mentions dau. Mary and sons Abraham, Isaac and John; perhaps he is the one sought. Bozeat is about five miles south of Wellingborough.

Lower, in *Patronymica Britannica,* says of the origin of the surname Halley, that it is local but he cannot name the place. A London correspondent writes thus: "Incline to think that Halley, Whalley and Hawley are variants of one name and that . . . a place-name . . . 'Wh' and 'h' are sometimes equivalent; living examples being found in 'who,' and 'whole,' etc., and obsolete ones in 'whot' for 'hot,' 'whome' for 'home,' etc. (*See* Aldis Wright's Bible Word-book.) Also the surname 'Hipple' became 'Whipple,' and 'whist' and 'hist' are equivalent. I used to pronounce Halley with a short 'â,' having probably picked up that use when a child; but I suppose it should be like Hawley."

Another English scholar remarks: "I think that in the Seventeenth Century, in Derbyshire, 'Halley' was pronounced 'Hawley' . . . There were Walleys or Whalleys in Derbyshire but I am not confident that the two families are connected." (There is indeed a marked difference between all coats armorial of Whalley and Halley or Hawley, but the two latter families may be relateed to each other.

At the Public Record Office, London, in the Index of Fines for 1653,

Trinity Term, occurs this (perhaps irrelevant) item: "Edm. Pyke, gent., plnt. and Hump. Lenn, in ffanchurch streete." This, however, is of some passing interest because it is the only known case in which the Christian name "Edmund" occurs in the Pyke family as connected with Fenchurch Street.

In the Index to Chancery Proceedings, 1714-58 (Public Record Office) occurs: "Halley *vs.* Kaye, bundle 2006 (1724)" but this upon examination was found irrelevant.

The Index of Chancery Proceedings, 1758-1800, Division 4, shows: "Halley *vs.* Sugar, 1777; br. r. bundle 378." "Halley *vs.* Beresford, 1777; Dep. bundle 394."

The "Index to Prerogative Wills of Ireland, 1536-1810," by Sir Arthur Vicars, F. S. A., (Dublin, 1897) contains many interesting entries under the surnames following: Bruce, McDonald, Pike and Stewart or Stuart; also a few under Halley and McPeake. The entry of will of one Edmond McDonald, 1790 (on page 302) is, however, incorrect, according to private advices from Dublin, for the Christian name of the testator was "Edward," not "Edmond."

All the wills, intestacies and marriage licences in Ireland are indexed for each Diocese from about 1600 to 1858. In a few cases they begin a little earlier than 1600, while in others they are somewhat later than that date. There are several McPikes in the Index of the Diocese of Connor, Co. Antrim. Vicar's Index is of wills of the Prerogative Court only.

(*Third Paper.*)

THE list of Pike wills and administrations, (1675-1784), which follows, was compiled personally, as were the former, by Mr. Ralph J. Beevor, M. A. The documents mentioned are preserved at Somerset House, London, unless otherwise specially noted.

1675, register Dycer.

Pyke, Samuel, Dorset; June (Adm.)
Pyke, Maria, Oct. (Adm.)

1676, Reg. Bence.

Pike, Johannes, Camb; Mar. 115.
1677, reg. Hale.
Pyke, Edmund, May (Adm.)
1678, reg. Reeve.
Pike, Bartholomew, Mar. (Adm.)
1679, reg. King
Pyke, Thomas, Sussex; Mar. 36.
Pyke, Richard, Northants; May 62.
1680, reg. Bath.
Pike, Robert, May (Adm.)
Pyke, George, (Esq.) May 63.
Pyke, George, Midd; Sept. 120.
1681, reg. North.
Pyke, John, Midd; Oct. 144.
1682, reg. Cottle.
Pike, John, Lond.; (Adm.)
Pyke, Michael, Surrey; Oct. 120.
Pyke, Wm., Oct. (Adm.)
1683, reg. Drax.
Pyke, John, (Senr) "pts." Oct. 116.
1684, reg. Hare.
Pyke, *The Rt. Hon.* Geo., Feb. (Adm.)
Pike, Susanna, Salop; June 80.
1685, reg. Cann.
Pyke, Susanna, (Adm. will last year.)
Pyke, Christiana, Feb. (Adm.)
1686, Lloyd (none)
1687, Fort (none)
1688, Exton (none)
1689, reg. Exton.
Pike, Christopher, Dorset; Nov. (Adm.)
1690, reg. Dyke (none)
1691, reg. Vere.
Pyke, Edmund, Wilts; Feb. (Adm.)
Pike, John, "pts." Sept. (Adm.)
1692, reg. Fane.
Pyke, Edmund, "pts." Apr. (Adm.)
1693, reg. Coker.
Pike, John, "pts." (Adm.)

Pyke, Henry, London; Oct. 162.

1694, reg. Box.

Pyke, Isabella, Mid.; July (Adm.)

Pyke, John, Norfolk; June, 138.

Pike, John, "pts." July 159.

1695, reg. Irby.

Pike, Thos., Salop; Apr. (Adm.)

1696, reg. Bond.

Pike, Robert, [Will Twisse 161] July (Adm.)

Pike, Robert, Mid.; Nov. (Adm.)

1697, reg. Pyne.

Pyke, Joseph, [Will Barkley 316] Feb. (Adm.)

Pyke, Christopher, Surrey; Apr. (Adm.)

Pyke, Mary, Lond.; May (Adm.)

Pyke, Henry, Cambs; Oct. (Adm.)

Pike, James, "pts." Oct. 209.

Pyke, John, Lond.; Oct. 208.

1698, reg. Lort.

Pike, Solomon, Norf.; Jan. (Adm.)

Pyke, Philemon, "pts." Nov. (Adm.)

1699, reg. Pett.

Pyke, Mary, Mid.; July 119.

1700, Noel (no Pyke or Pike.)

1701, Dyer (no Pyke or Pike.)

1702, Hern (no Pyke or Pike.)

1703, reg. Degg.

Pyke, John, Dorset; June (Adm.)

1704, reg. Ash.

Pike, Richard, Kent; Mar. (Adm.)

1705, reg. Gee.

Pyke, William, Lond; Oct. (Adm.)

1706, reg. Eedes.

Pyke, Henry, "pts." Apr. 96.

Pike, Thomas, Aug. (Adm.)

1707, reg. Poley.

Pike, Christopher, Kent; Mar. 70.

1708, reg. Barett.

Pike, Samuel, "pts." Aug. (Adm.)

1709, reg. Lane.

Pike, Jacobus, "pts." May 124.
Pike or Pick, Jones, "pts." July (Adm.)
Pike, Jones, "pts." Aug. (Adm.)
1710 (none)
1711, reg. Young.
Pyke, Ann, Mid.; Mar. 56.
Pike, Jonas, Sep. (Adm.)
1712, reg. Barnes.
Pyke, Thomas; Som; May 98.
1713, reg. Leeds (none)
1714, reg. Arton.
Pyke, Jacobus, Feb. (Adm.)
1715, reg. Fagg.
Pyke, Jacobus, Dec. (Adm.)
1716, reg. Fox.
Pike, Henry, Kent; May (Adm.)
Pike, John, "pts." June 123.
Pyke, Henry, Mid.; July 151.
1717, reg. Whitfield.
Pyke, Mary, Mid.; May, 101.
1718, reg. Tenison (none)
1719, reg. Browning.
Pike, James, Kent; Mar. 53.
1720, reg. Shaller.
Pyke, Winifred, Surrey; Apr. 90.
Pike, Robert, Lond; May 118.
Pike, Anne Mary, Lond; May 117.
Pyke, William, Kent; Aug. 181.
Pike, Elizabeth, Lond; Oct. 219.
Pyke, John, Mid.; Nov. 238.
Pike, John, Devon; Nov. 239.
1721, reg. Buckingham (none)
1722, reg. Marlboro.
Pyke *als*. Bragg, Mary, Mid.; Feb. (Adm.)
Pyke, Nicholas, Sur.; May (Adm.)
Pyke, Richard, Wilts; June 126.
1723, reg. Richmond.

Pyke, William, Essex; July 152.
Pike, Thomas, "pts." Sep. 196.
1724, reg. Bolton.
Pyke, Richard, Mid.; Sept. 211.
1725, reg. Romney.
Pyke, Benjamin, Essex; Jan. 16.
Pike, Henry, Mid.; Sept. (Adm.)
Pyke, Thomas, Mid.; Aug. 179.
1726, reg. Plymouth.
Pyke, Ann, Kent; July 150.
1727, reg. Farrant.
Pyke, Elizabeth, Surrey; Feb. 49.
Pyke, William, Kent; Oct. 240.
1728, reg. Brook.
Pyke, Richard, Lond; Nov. (Adm.)
1729, reg. Abbott.
Pyke, Thomas, Sussex; Nov. (Adm.)
Pyke, Elizabeth, Sussex; Nov. (Adm.)
1730, reg. Auber.
Pyke, William, Som.; (Adm.)
Pyke, Ralph, Corn. (?) (Adm.)
Pyke, John, Surrey; Oct. 288.
1731, reg. Isham.
Pike, ffoot, Kent; Jan. 17.
Pike, Ann, Kent; May (Adm.)
Pyke, Richard, Lond; Mar. 78.
Pyke, John, Herts; Dec. 313.
1732, reg. Bedford.
Pike, William, Mid.; Jan. 21.
Pike, Isaac, Devon; Jan. 21.
Pike, John, Devon; Oct. 252.
1733, reg. Price.
Pyke, Thomas, Mid.; Apr. 129.
1734, reg. Ockham (none)
1735, reg. Ducie (none)
1736, reg. Derby.

Pyke, Mary, Lond; Nov. 251.

1737, reg. Wake.

Pyke, John, Glos.; Apr. 90.

1738, reg. Brodsepp.

Pike, John, Midx; (Adm.)

Pyke, John, Essex; Dec. 293.

1739, reg. Henchman.

Pyke, Isaac, (Esq.) "pts." Apr. 87.

1740, reg. Browne.

Pike, Thomas, Dorset; Nov. 303.

1741, reg. Spurway.

Pyke, Theodosia, Mid.; Apr. 104.

Pike, Richard, Surrey; (Adm.)

Pike, Thomas, Dorset; June 161.

Pike, Elizabeth, Berks; Sept. 238.

Pike, Mary, Oxford; Sept. 238.

Pyke, George, Mid.; Sept. 240.

Pike, Jacob, Kent; Nov. 315.

1742, reg. Trenley.

Pyke, Mary, Lond; June (Adm.) [Will is in 251 reg. Derby.]

Pyke, Joseph, Devon; Aug. 254.

1743, reg. Boycot.

Pike, Humphrey, "pts." Mar. (Adm.)

Pike, James, "pts." Dec. (Adm.)

1744, reg. Anstis.

Pyke, Thomas, Mid.; Oct. (Adm.)

1745, reg. Seynmer.

Pyke, John, (Esq.) Mid.; June (Adm.)

1746, reg. Edmund.

Pyke, Mary, Mid.; Feb. 58.

1747, reg. Potter.

Pike, Cary, Mid.; Apr. fo. 105.

Pyke, Mary, Som.; Oct. (Adm.)

1748, reg. Strahan.

Pike, Jacob, "pts." Mar. (Adm.)

Pyke, John, "pts." Aug. (Adm.)

Pike, Thomas, "pts." Oct. (Adm.)

Pyke, Mary, Devon; Sept. 294.

1750, reg. Greenly.

Pyke, Robert, Som.; Nov. 366.
Pike, John, "pts." Nov. 367.

1751, reg. Busby.

Pyke, George, Southton; Feb. 57.
Pike, Richard, "pts." Apr. 119.
Pike or Pyke, Richard, "pts." May (Adm.)
Pyke, James, Mid.; June 186.
Pike, Christopher, Surrey; July 218.

1752, reg. Bettesworth.

Pyke, John, Mid.; June 20.
Pyke, Sarah, Essex; Oct. 258.
Pike, Wm. Southton; Nov. 285.

1753, reg. Searle.

Pyke, Thomas, Mid.; May. 149.

1754, reg. Pinfold.

Pike, John, "pts." Mar. 85.
Pyke, Simon, Mid.; June 175.
Pike, Mary, Sur.; July (Adm.)

1755, reg. Paul.

Pike, Richard, Mid.; Apr. 111.
Pike, Edward, Sur.; Sept. 245.
Pike, John, Mid.; Nov. 292.

1756, reg. Glazier.

Pike, Elizabeth, Surrey; Jan. 18.
Pyke, Thomas, Southton; Aug. (Adm.)

1757, reg. Herring

(?) Pike, Richard, Lond; Jan. 25.
Pike, Wm. "pts." Dec. (Adm.)
Pyke, Sarah, Wilts; Dec. (Adm.)

1758, reg. Hulton.

Pike, Richard, Mid.; Jan. 20.

1759, reg. Arran.

Pyke, Margaret, Wilts; Jan. 29.
Pike, Francis, Southton; Jan. 29.
Pyke, John, Mid.; Oct. 336.

1760, reg. Lynch.

Pike, James, "pts." Jan. 31.
Pike, Abraham, "pts." May 210.

Pyke, John, Essex; July 295.
Pyke, Theodosia, Sept. (Adm.)
(Adm. of goods unadministered under will Spurway, 104.)
1761, reg. Cheslyn (none)
1762, reg. St. Elroy.
Pyke, Hannah, Devon; Feb. 71.
Pyke, Ann, Mid.; Feb. 72.
Pyke, John, Mid.; May 213.
Pike, James, Mid.; July 315.
1763, reg. Cæsar.
Pike, James, Dorset; Jan. (Adm.)
Pike, Abraham, Devon; Jan. (Adm.)
1764, reg. Simpson.
Pyke, Joseph, Essex; Feb. (Adm.)
Pike, Isaac, "pts." Mar. (Adm.)
Pike, Richard, Southton; May (Adm.)
Pike or Pyke, Benjamin, Mid.; Sept. 362.
Pyke, Humphrey, Devon; Oct. 400.
1765, reg. Rushworth.
Pike, John, Lond; Feb. (Adm.)
Pike, Elizabeth, Surrey; Aug. (Adm.)
1766, reg. Tyndall.
Pyke, Henry, Surrey; Jan. 28.
Pyke, Samuel, Berks; Feb. 71.
Pike, John, Wilts; Aug. (Adm.)
Pike, David, Surrey; May 192.
Pyke, James, Mid.; June (Adm.)
(Administration of goods unadministered under will 186, Busby.)
1767, reg. Legard.
Pike, Luke, Mid.; Feb. (Adm.)
Pyke, Edward (Esq.) Surrey; July 278.
1768, reg. Secker.
Pike, Sarah, Mid.; Jan. (Adm.)
1769, reg. Bogg.
Pike, Thomas, Norfolk; Mar. 99.
Pike, Thomas, Wilts; June 220.
1770, reg. Jenner (none)
1771, reg. Trevor.
Pike, William, Mid.; July 313.

Pike, Elizabeth, (?) Nov. 449.
Pike, Mary, (?) Oxon; Dec. 494.
1772, reg. Traverner.
Pike, William, Surrey; Mar. (Adm.)
Pike, James, Mid.; Nov. (Adm.)
1773, reg. Stevens.
Pike, Jonathan, Wilts; Jan. 28.
Cruiton, formerly Pike, Mary, Devon; Mar. (Adm.)
Pike, Henry, Devon; Jul. (Adm.)
Pike, Robert, Som.; May 216.
Pike, Josiah, Mid.; July 206.
Pyke, formerly Crouch, Thos. (Esq.) Mid.; Dec. 481.
1774, reg. Bargrave.
Pyke, Richard, Ox.; Apr. 153.
Pike, Thomas, Mid.; Nov. 406.
1775, reg. Alexander.
Pike, *The Rev.* John, "pts." May (Adm.)
Pyke, Stephen, Surrey; Dec. (Adm.)
Pike, John, Pool; June 245.
1776, reg. ————
Pike, John (double probate will proved last June).
Pike, David, Wilts; Feb. (Adm.)
1777, reg. Collier.
Pike, John, Mid.; Sept. (Adm.)
Pike, Wm. Southton; May 234.
Pyke, Geo. Mid.; May 234.
1778, reg. Hay.
Pike, William, Kent; July (Adm.)
Pyke, Mary, Mid.; Oct. 412.
1779, reg. Washerton.
Pyke, Joseph, Camb.; Mar. 122.
Pike, Samuel, Mid.; Mar. 123.
Pike, Richard, Mid.; July (Adm.)
Pike, Samuel, (*The Rev.*) Wilts; Nov. 469.
1780, reg. ————
Pyke *als.* Pike Michael, Surrey; Feb. 100.
Pyke, John, Essex; July (Adm.)
Pike, Jonathan, "pts."; Oct. 48b.
1781, reg. Welster.

Pyke, Mary (double probate, 1778), 1782, reg. Gostling.
Pike, Benjamin, "pts." Feb. (Adm.)
Pike, Wm., "pts." June (Adm.)
Pike, Roseclear, "pts." Dec. (Adm.)
Pyke, Elizabeth, Wilts; Oct. 509.
Pike, John, "pts." Resolution and Triss; Nov. 556.
1783, reg. Cornwallis.
Pike, Christopher, Surrey; Feb. (Adm.)
1784, reg. Rockingham.
Pyke, Rev. Robert Isaac, Som.; July, 407.

The register of marriage licenses in the office of the Bishop of London, for 1732-1734 contains no Halleys, but in it are the following Pike entries:

1732, Apr. 6; John Pike of St. Sepulchre; aged 40 and Mary Wilson of same parish aged 26.

1732, Aug. 2. Daniell West of Chiswick, widower, aged 50 and Emma Pike of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, aged 50, widow.

1733, July 7. William Cooper of St. Giles, Cripplegate, aged above 30, widower, and Mary Pike of St. Stepens, Coleman St., aged above 26, spinster.

1734, Sept. 21. Edward Cockney, 39, bachelor, and Mary Pike, widow, both of St. Andrews, Holborn.

Register Trenley, folio 273, (P. C. C.) contains the will of Thomas Hawley of Wellingborough, Northants, dated Oct. 2, 1741, proved Sept. 4, 1742, mentions wife Martha, daughters Lucy and Martha.

Register Taverner (P. C. C., 1772) contains the wills of Sybilla Halley of East Greenwich (published in *The Genealogist* London, for July, 1908) and the will of William Halley of Ightham, Kent.

The will of Isaac Parry of Deptford (Register Simpson, folio 110) was proved 1764. It did not appear to be relevant. The will of Mary Parry of Kent (Register Bogg, folio 392) is probably that of the widow of Isaac above mentioned. The administration of John Parry of Kent is indexed in Register Bogg (1769).

Mr. R. J. Beevor, M. A. (from whom nearl yall the notes in this series have been received) examined also the register of marriages cele-

brated in the chapel of the Royal Navy Hospital at Greenwich, 1724-54, (now preserved at Somerset House,) but found nothing of interest relating to Halley and Parry. The marriages are very few in number. East Greenwich is, it is believed, the legal description of the parish commonly known as Greenwich. Deptford in olden times was known as West Greenwich.

The will of one Francis Meese is in register Twisse, folio 134, *anno* 1646), but a search of P. C. C. indexes of wills, 1626-1676 (failed to reveal entries under the surname Mewce, a family known to be related by marriage to both Washington and Halley. Among Halley wills at Somerset House are these:

1612, reg. Fenner.

Halye, Dorothea, (folio 89; not examined).

1614, reg. Lawe.

Hawley, Richard, (folio 1); "of St. Augustine's, near Pawles;"

Nuncupative will; wife Mary and son Thomas mentioned.

Hallwey, Humprey, (folio 30), of Worcestershire; apparently not connected with Halley or Hawley.

Hawley, Maria; *Als.* Ward, (folio 44); (Could not be found; the indexing apparently erroneous. Further search was made by aid of the 1614 Probate Act Book.)

1628, reg. Barrington.

Hawley, Henry, (folio 100; not examined).

1629, reg. Ridley.

Hawley, Edward, (folio 89; not examined).

1630 reg. Scroope.

Hawley, Thomas, (folio 3; not examined).

Hawley, Margaret, (folio 66; not examined).

1636, reg. Pile.

Hawley, Richard, (folio 65) doctor of medicine; (not examined.)

1640, reg. Evelyn.

Halley, Joane, (folio 33) widow, of the parish of St. Andrew, at or near the King's Great Wardrobe. To son Thomas Halley little tene-

ment in Ticehurst; mentions daughter Susan Halley, Benjamin Ronth, ex. Witnesses: John Swann, Jane Wise, dated Jan. 25, 1640; proved Mar. 16, 1640.

1641, reg. Essex.

Halley, Thomas, (folio 146). (This is wrongly indexed, the testator being one Thomas Hall.)

1642, reg. Campbell.

Halley, William, (folio 81; not examined, apparently a seaman's will.)

1655, reg. Aylett.

Halley, Susan, (folio 242) of St. Andrew by the Wardrobe, spinster; mentions brother Thomas Halley; Richard Tredwell, Ex^or^.

1697, reg. Pyne.

Halley, Edward, of Surrey; (folio 284; not examined.)

Mr. Beevor examined also the index of Northants wills 1608-1723 and that of Hunts wills 1615-1740, at Peterborough. The only Halleys found were in the latter series: Simon Halley of Kimbolton dated 1697 proved *circa* 1710; Elizabeth Halley of the same place, his widow, and John Halley also of Kimbolton, their son. The information contained in those three wills seemed immaterial.

Mr. Halley Stewart, M. P., (1908) is the son of the late Mr. Alexander Stewart, jun., who was born, in 1790, at Kirkcoldy, co. Fife. The latter was the third son of the late Mr. Alexander Stewart, sen., whose wife was a Miss Halley. Other evidence of the relationship existing between members of the Halley and Stewart families has previously been published. See *Notes and Queries* London, tenth series, vol. VI., page 305; *ibid.*, vol. IX., page 446. A certain degree of relationship has also been proved, by documentary evidence, between the Halley and Pyke families of London and Greenwich (*circa* 1698-1718). In addition, one member of the same family of Pyke, (related to Halley) to wit, William Pyke of Greenwich, mentions, in his will dated 1727, his "cousin Archibald Bruce" (see *Notes and Queries,* London, tenth series, vol. VIII., page 45.) Query: What bearing, if any, has all this documentary evidence on the family-traditions regarding a relationship (*circa* 1750) between the Halley and McPike families and between Stewart and McPike families? (See *Notes and Queries,* London, ninth series, vol. XI., pages 205-206; *ibid.*, vol. XII., page 468; also *Scottish*

Notes and Queries, Aberdeen, second series, vol. 6, page 59; and *Devon Notes and Queries,* Exeter, vol. 4, pages 86-88.) It will now be in order to study the official records in Scotland and Ireland, of the McPike families.

(*Fourth Paper*)

A PRELIMINARY search was made in January, 1909, through certain of the official records in Dublin, for documentary evidence tending to establish a relationship between the families following:

McPike (or Pike) and Halley,
McPike (or Pike) and McDonald,
McPike (or Pike) and Stewart.

The results, given hereinafter, are based upon an examination of numerous wills, marriage licence bonds and registered deeds. "The name Pike is very common in Cork, but McPike, as you will see, is very scarce all through Ireland." The present writer has already commented upon the fact that several English Pikes either migrated, at an early epoch, to Ireland, or were interested in land ventures in the Emerald Isle. The rough notes above mentioned now follow:

Prerogative will of Wight Pike, 1801.—I, Wight Pike, of the city of Dublin, merchant, do make this my last will; to my daughter Sarah Pike, £1000; to my son John Pike £500; to my son-in-law Geo. Penrose £1000.0.0. To my friend Richard Cartrell £500. To my friend Charles Fansut [?] £100.0.0. To the poor of the Quakers Society £50.0.0. To the poor Roman Catholics of the Parish of St. Catherine £50.0.0. To my sister-in-law Elinor Thomas £50. To my friend Hannah Lapham £50.0.0. All the rest of my worldly substance I leave to my son James Martin Pike. I appoint my friends William Taylor and Joshua Edmundson both of the city of Dublin ex^{ors} of this my Will. Signed this 5th January 1801. Wight Pike. Witnesses: Alex^{r} Todd, Robert Taylor, James Anderson. Proved 30th Oct. 1801.

Prerogative Will of Edward McDonnell, 1790. Left a wife, surname Martyn—no children. His sister Ann McDonnell married ——— Fitzgerald.

Registry of Deeds (Book 259, p. 142). McDonnell to Pike. A memorial of a lease dated 28th July, 1764, whereby Michael McDonnell, of the town of Drogheda, Yeoman, demised unto John Pike, of the same, weaver, a small parcel of land between Drogheda and Green hills, containing half an acre.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

1730—1745

McPeake, Henry, to Graves, 99-112 68196

" " " " McNeill Boy, 115-165 80042

1745—1758

McPike, *none.*

1758—1768

McPike, *none.*

1768—1780

McPeake, James to Peake, 303-678 202691

1730—1745

Halley, *none.*

Haly, William to Bruce, 84-366 61092

1745—1758

Halley, *none.*

1758—1768

Halley, *none.*

1768—1776

Halley, *none.*

1776—1785

Halley, *none.*

1730—1745

Stewart, Alexander, to Bruce, 120-85 81929

1745—1758

Stewart, *none,*

1758—1768

Stewart, *none,*

1768—1776

Stewart, *none,*

1776—1785

Stewart, *none,*

1730—1745

MacDonald, *none.*

1745—1758

MacDonald, *none.*

1758—1768

MacDonald, *none.*

1768—1776

MacDonald, *none.*

McDonnell, John, to Hale, 308-553 207434

McDonnell, Lady Elizabeth, to Stewart *et al.*, 298-62 196528

1776—1785

MacDonald, *none.*

WILLS: Diocese of Derry.

McPake, Murtagh, 1805.
McPeak, *als.* Walsh, Anne; Tamlaghtocrilly, 1738.
McPeak, Daniel; Moneystaughan, 1778.
McPeak, Thomas; Maghera, 1765.
McPeak, Thomas; Ballymacpeak, Maghera, 1766.

WILLS: Diocese of Derry (continued).

McPeake, Michael; Maltra, 1800.
McPeake, Owen; Ballynease, 1719.
McPeake, Thomas; Tamlaghtocrilly, 1820.
McPeake, William; Ballymacpeake, 1793.

WILLS: Diocese of Cloyne.

Pike, John; Blarney, 1689.

WILLS: Diocese of Connor.

McPike, Thomas; Ballinderry, 1785.

WILLS: Diocese of Cork and Ross.

Pike, Ebenezer; Cork, 1724.
" Ebenezer; Cork, 1738.
" Elizabeth; Sundays Wile, 1741.
" Francis; Cork, 1720.
" Richard; Cork, 1738.
" Thomas; Cork, 1726.

WILLS: Diocese of Armagh.

Pike, James Nicholson; Derryvale, Dungannon, 1850.
Pike, William; Derryvale, Co. Tyrone, 1833.

WILLS: Diocese of Down.
Pike, Mary, 1806.
Pike, William; Saintfield, 1789.

WILLS: Diocese of Dublin.
Pike, Robert; Great Ship St., 1837.
Pike, Roger; Castlehaile, Co. Kilkenny, 1660.
Pike, Samuel; Dublin, 1694.

WILLS: Diocese of Killaloe and Kilpenora.
Pike, John; Roscrea, 1827.

WILLS: Diocese of Waterford and Sismore.
Pike, Benjamin; Waterford, 1695.

MARRIAGE LICENSE BONDS: Cork and Ross.
1751-1845
McPike, Thomas, and Sarah Fowler, 1769.

Dublin Grants: M. L. Bonds.
Pike, Elizabeth, and John Roper, 1682 (M. L. 63).
Pike, Samuel, and Anne Oldfield, 1681 (M. L. 53).

M. L. Bonds: Diocese of Cloyne.
Halley, Edward, and Anne Serjeant (Widow), 1729.

M. L. Bonds: Cashel and Emly.
Pike, Elizabeth and Thomas Cormick, 1787.
Pike, George and Kitty Healy, 1784.
Pike, Thomas and Catherine Ryan, 1828.

M. L. Bonds: Elphin.
Haily or Heily, Joseph and Sarah Browne, 1839.

PREROGATIVE GRANTS: 1745-1780.
McPeake, Patrick, 1756; Intestancy, 174.

Here end the notes from Dublin which may, perhaps, be supplemented at some future time. A memorandum of the seven wills in the Diocese of Derry was also kindly sent to the writer by Mr. J. W. Kernohan, M. A., Honorary Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland, Belfast. Mr. Kernohan mentions, as a useful source of information, the *Ulster Journal of Archæology,* of which the editor is T. J. Bigger, Esq., M. R. I. A., "Ordrigh," Belfast.

Mr. Edward McPike, of Mako Point, Awhitu, New Zealand, wrote (1907) that his father, the late Mr. James McPike, had emigated to New Zealand from Belfast, about sixty years ago (? 1847). It is well known that Belfast is and long has been the center of the linen industry. It is just such a place as we might expect a Scottish linen merchant to visit. Perhaps the other James McPike (born *circa* 1751) did visit Belfast.

(*Fifth Paper*)

THE 'Feudal History of Derbyshire,' by Pym Yeatman (apparently still in course of publication) contains several references to persons of the name of Halley and variants of that name, but I have not discovered in it any record which has an obvious bearing on the astronomer's family. Mr. Pym Yeatman seems to treat Hall, Halle, Halley and de Aula as synonymous. I am not sure that he is right in so doing." (MS. letter from Mr. R. J. Beevor, M. A., dated Jan. 3, 1909.)

The oldest printed reference to the Halley family, so far found, mentions Sir Thomas Halley, Knt., of Wyam, whose daughter married Sir Robert Hildyard, Knt., living temp. Richard I. (1189-1199). *See* Burke's "Landed Gentry for 1850," vol. I., page 572.

Whalley's "Northamptonshire," a rare work, of which a copy is in the Newberry Library, Chicago, gives several entries under Halley and allied surnames. The oldest date refers to Will. de Hauley, 6 Mart, 1370, under caption of "Wardon Hundred: Eydon" (*ibid.*, vol. I., p. 123). Among other items in the same work are the following:

Ibid., vol. I., p. 599: "Guilsborough Hundred: Sulby—Abbey." "John Halley, who professed canonical obedience to his diocesan," in 1452.

Ibid., vol. I., p. 271: "Towcester Hundred: Tiffield." "*Dom.* Rob. Hawlay, A. M., 16 Aug., 1487."

Ibid., vol. I., p. 287: "Cleyley Hundred: Covesgrave." "Rob. Hawley." [This entry is without date, but appears between two other entries dated 1479 and 1524, respectively.]

Ibid., vol. II., p. 608: "Nassaburgh Hundred: Wittering."

"From the family of RIDEL, this lordship [of Wittering], probably by marriage, passed into the hands of Robert Halley, Esq., which Robert, at his decease, in the 19th year of Henry VII., left it to John Halley, his son and heir. At the death of this gentleman, in the 8th of Henry VIII. without issue male, it came to Anne, his daughter, a minor fourteen years old, first married, it should seem, to Guy Kirkham, and afterwards to John Stydoliffe. She died in the 15th year of the same reign, leaving Wittering manor, with Taristed [?], to Antony Stydoliffe, a minor three years of age, her son and successor."

Ibid., vol. II., p. 609: "Patroni:" "Robert Halley, *Arm.*," 30 Sept., 1482. "John Halley," 12 Maii, 1517.

Ibid., vol. II., p. 508: "Nassaburgh Hundred: Upton." "In the 19th year of Hen. VII. died Robert Halley, Esq., seized of Upton manor, with its appertenances, held of the Abbat of Peterburgh, by suit at Langdyke court, in which he was succeeded by John Halley, his son and heir."

Ibid., vol. II., p. 600: "Nassaburgh Hundred: Ufford." "In the 19th year of Henry VII. died Robert Halley, Esq., seized of a manor in Ufford, held by the Lady Margaret, countess of Richmond, by suit of court at her manor of Torpel, in which he was succeeded by John Halley, his son and heir."

Ibid., vol. I., pp. 262-263: "Scholastica de Meux and John de Meux, her son; *tempo* Edward III."

Baker's "Northamptonshire" [chief volume], London, 1822-1830, page 679, "Sutton Hundred: Siresham," says "The Rectory is in the deanery of Brackley," and in the list of Rectors, mentions Sir Robert Holwey. ("He occurs rector of Stowe, in 1372.")

Ibid., p. 566: "Leicester Abbey Lands;"—mentions Soke and chapel of Halso ("Alsou," "Halse").

Ibid. [vol. 2], London, no date, gives a pedigree of Hawley of Leybourne Grange.

Mr. R. J. Beevor says, January 3, 1909: "I recently wrote to the rector of Cheddleton, Staffs, where you may remember Humphry Halley (*ob.* 1596) appears to have resided, but I heard from him that the extant Cheddleton register does not go further back than 1690."

Unless, therefore, some new way opens, it is difficult to see how the ancestry of Dr. E. Halley, the astronomer, can be carried back any further than was done in *The Genealogist* (London), new series, for July, 1908.

Some remarks on the personal appearance of the astronomer's father, E. Halley, Sen. (*ob.* 1684) are given in *The Genealogist* for October, 1908, vol. 25, pp. 143-144 (? *et. seq.*).

A few new facts about the Tooke and Halley families appeared in *Notes and Queries,* London, for January 23, 1909, tenth series, vol. XI., pp. 64-65.

Burke's "Commoners" (London, 1838), vol. 4, page 85, under "Bodenham of Rotherwas," mentions Thomas Bodenham, Esq. (living 1634), whose daughter, Blanche, married after 1634, Edmund Hawley.

Ibid., vol. 4, p. 260: Elizabeth Oliphant, daughter of Sir Laurence Oliphant of Gask, married (*circa* 1670 ?) Gavin Drummond of Belliclone. The latter was mentioned in the first series of these extracts.

In "Wills from Doctors' Commons, 1495-1695" (Cambridge Society publications, vol. 83) appears the name of one Edmund Hawley who may, perhaps, have been identical with his namesake above mentioned.

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(*Sixth Paper*)

THE writer's paternal grandfather, the late Judge John Mountain McPike (1795-1876), dictated, *circa* 1868-1870, to his son, Hon. Henry Guest M'Pike (afterwards Mayor of Alton, Ill.), certain genealogical memoranda which were at once reduced to writing and carefully preserved by the latter, who caused duplicate transcripts thereof to be made, *circa* January 1, 1888. One of these, signed by Henry Guest M'Pike, the writer's father, was handed by him to the writer in 1896, and was subsequently deposited in the museum of the Newberry Library, Chicago (catalogue No. 89030; case II., 31-2). The manuscript was further supported by a sworn affidavit by Henry Guest M'Pike, dated 23 Nov., 1899, reproduced in photographic facsimile, and one of the facsimiles was deposited in the Newberry Library (catalogue No. E-7-M-239). The original manuscript relates chiefly to

the families of McPike, Guest and Dumont. It contains, among many other items, the following:

" . . . McPike from Scotland, m. to Miss Haley (or Haly) from England; she was granddaughter of Sir Edmund Haley (astronomer) England. Children were: James M'Pike, Miss —— M'Pike. Miss M'Pike married a M'Donald of Ireland."

" Capt. James M'Pike, Scotch, from England, 1772, to U. S., Baltimore. . . . Served seven years with Washington, under Col. Howard and Gen. Little [?] of Baltimore, Maryland. Also under command of Gen. Lafayette. Capt. James M'Pike married Martha Mountain."

We shall hereinafter comment on the foregoing tradition, which it will be observed is more minutely circumstantial than usual in such cases and has been well preserved. There is another oral tradition, however, which was not reduced to writing, so it seems, until about 1898. Its principal authority seems to rest with the late Mrs. Louise Wilkinson of Perry County, Missouri, who was a daughter of Richard McPike (born 1791), the second son of the aforesaid James McPike. This tradition purports, in substance, to say that one Pike, an educated Scotchman, who had been or afterwards became a linen merchant, held, at one time, a minor commission of some kind in the service of the Stewarts in Edinburgh, and that, in fact, he married a Miss Stewart of Edinburgh, by whom he had one child, a son, supposed to be identical with the aforesaid James McPike; furthermore, that the son was placed under the care of one McDonald, and finally sent to Dublin, Ireland, to acquire a thorough military education. It is added that the surname was changed from Pike to McPike about the time of the birth of the said son (? *circa* 1751) and that the son emigrated to America when quite young, not more than twenty-one years of age, if that.

This last tradition is so vague and unsatisfactory that the writer has never made any serious effort to prove or disprove it, except so far as necessary to give it consideration during researches relating to the more obvious connection between the Halley and Pyke families. We have shown that the McPike family, as such, seems to belong to Ireland, although it may be Scotch-Irish. We have also shown that several English Pikes or Pykes settled in Ireland. It is quite possible that James McPike did not belong to the McPike family, but, on the contrary, he may have been a member of the Pyke or Pike family. It will be noted

that his family surname, according to tradition, was Pike (not McPike) before 1750. This may be a point of minor importance (owing to the etymological relationship between the two surnames), and it must be admitted that no example of the surname McPike before 1750 has yet been discovered.

The attempted solution of the puzzle here presented has been the subject of numerous notes printed in genealogical periodicals in England, Scotland and the United States (we might add: Ireland, as well), since 1897. The first printed reference to the question was made in the *American Historical Register,* new series (vol. I., No. 2, pp. 167-170), for April, 1897. Among other notes, one giving some details appeared in *Notes and Queries*, London, ninth series (vol. XI., pp. 205-206), and a collection of "Remarks on Dr. E. Halley" was deposited in the British Museum, London (press-mark 10882 K. 25). It is high time, therefore, to collate all these traditions and facts, so as to present them, at last, in concise form. The problem involved happens to contain some points of interest beyond the scope of merely private family history.

During the researchs made, some documentary evidence was found and duly published which clearly established an association and a relationship between the family of the astronomer, Dr. Edmond Halley (1656-1742), and the family of Pyke, in London and Greenwich. All this evidence can be found through the citations already given in this series of "Extracts." Dr. Halley's own cousin, Francis Halley, married (? *circa* 1690) Eleanor Pyke, daughter of Richard Pyke, poulterer, of London. Her brother, William Pyke, of Greenwich, in his will, dated 1727, mentions his cousin Archibald Bruce (see *Notes and Queries,* London, for July 20, 1907, pages 44-45). The well-known connection between the families of Bruce and Stewart needs no comment here. However, coincidences are astonishingly frequent, and one must not jump at conclusions. We find also that one Isaac Pyke, Esq., of Greenwich, late governor of Saint-Helena, in his will (dated Jan. 5, 1730) mentions "Dr. Halley, the professor," which, no doubt, means the second Astronomer Royal at Greenwich.

When coincidences pile up, one upon another, it is very difficult for any but an experienced genealogist to keep his mind free from such influence. Nothing less than absolute proof or, at least, complete historical proof is satisfactory. We even find documentary evidence of relationship between certain families of Halley and Stewart or Stuart, but this is not conclusive.

We have endeavored to present quite impartially, but with some detail, the origin and the present status of this puzzling problem.

It should be added that no evidence whatever has been found indicating the existence of a military academy in Dublin during the last half of the eighteenth century (1750-1800), but, perhaps, the traditional military education acquired there by Capt. James McPike may relate to service in some regiment then stationed in that vicinity. The military records of Capt. James McPike in America were briefly reviewed in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record,* vol. 34, pp. 55-56, and again (with new facts) in the MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, New York, for March, 1908 (vol. 7, pp. 166-169). His descendants were, in part, recorded in a book entitled "Tales of Our Forefathers," Albany, New York, 1898, which was supplemented by an article in the *"Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly,* Columbus, Ohio, for October, 1904 (vol. 7, pp. 267-270).

Some further effort to solve the problem will be made by seeking more documentary evidence in the Old World. However, it is desirable to discover, also, if possible, the official record of the marriage of James McPike and Martha Mountain (? *circa* 1789), probably in New Jersey or Pennsylvania, although perhaps in Maryland or Virginia. The name of "McPike" occurs several times in the published "Pennsylvania Archives."

(*Seventh Paper*)

THE Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C., kindly supplies the following information from the Chief Bibliographer:

" . . . In John O'Hart's 'Irish Pedigrees,' 4th edition, Dublin, 1887, vol. I., page 91, is a foot-note to the account of the Hally family (anglicized Halley) and reads as follows: 'It is worthy of note that the celebrated astronomer Halley was a descendant of this family, who were hereditary physicians in Ireland.' "

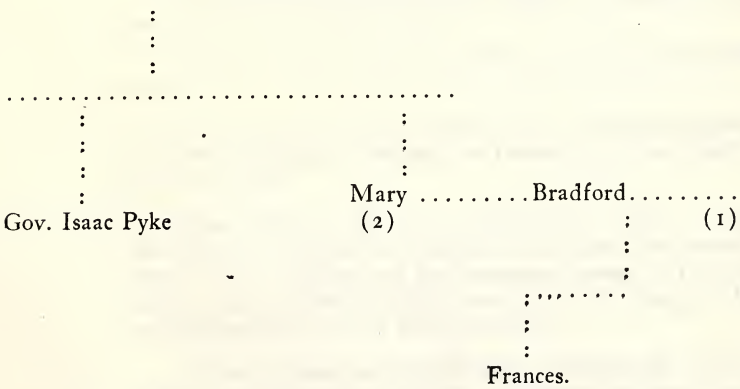
The present writer would be very grateful for any information as to the authority or evidence upon which O'Hart based the above statement.

Several references to the Haley, Hall, Halley, Haly, Hawley and Hayley families appear in "The Irish and Anglo-Irish Landed Gentry, when Cromwell came to Ireland," by John O'Hart, Dublin, 1884, pages

390-391; also to the families of "Hally" and "Haly" (*ibid.*, pp. 82-83) and the family of "Healey" (*ibid.*, pp. 87-88). Some of the Christian names which appear might, perhaps, be considered suggestive; for example, "Edmond," "Francis," "James," and "Richard."

Mr. J. G. Bradford, of 1, Blandford Villas, Queen's Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England, inquires "about Mary Bradford of East Greenwich, Kent, widow, whose will was pr. in P. C. C. in 1749/50. She was the sister of Isaac Pyke, decsd. whose will was pr. in P. C. C. by Mary Bradford, 1739; he describes himself as Governor of St. Helena & refers to his sister Mary Bradford and his nephew John Buffar."

"Frances Bradford of East Greenwich, spr., will pr. in P. C. C., by Mary Bradford, the mother and ex. who is referred to in the will as mother and mother-in-law. Frances also mentions friends, Govr. Pyke & John Buffar & desires to be burd. in Church where 'my father was buried'; she was evidently the step-daughter of Mary Bradford."



"What I have never been able to find out, is whom did Mary Pyke marry. If I could only get some information regarding her husband such as Christian name and where buried, it is possible I might be able to identify him on my sheets, as I have a considerable collection relating to the name of Bradford. Admon. of John Bradford, late of St. Peter-

le-Chefe, London, but late of Greenwich, granted to Mary, the widow, 1727; this, possibly, may be he, but if so I am quite unable to place him."

The will of Ann Pyke (mother of Isaac Pyke), dated August 10, 1710, was proved in P. C. C., reg. Plymouth, fo. 150. The testator, Ann Pyke, mentions her "loving daughter Mary Ratcliffe," whose surname later appears (in connection with final grant of probate to Isaac Pyke) as Margaret Radcliffe.

Mr. W. Young, 20 Hanover Street, London (North), supplies the following items:

"1796 City Livery List in Guildhall, Parker Halley, Skinner's Livery (of Queen Ann St. East, — Shoreditch.)

"In other lists it appears as Parker Hatley & Newman Hatley,—must be Hatley."

"1796 list,—John Pyke, Coachmkr. Livery (Long-Acre, Drury Lane); Thomas Pyke, Musician Livery (Fore St., Cripplegate)."

"1768 Livery List has Wm. Cooper in Weaver's Livery (manufacturing in the Poultry, City)."

1722 has "James Pike, in the Weaver's Livery (no address printed, 1722)."

Some data on the Halley, Pyke, Parry, and Tooke families appeared in *Notes and Queries,* London, for January 23, 1909 (tenth series, vol. XI., pp. 64-65).

"John Parry of H. M. S. *Achille* [*sic*], gent., 21, bachelor, and Ann Miall, of Portsea, 21, spinster; at Portsea [Portsmouth] 23 Jan., 1800." (*Cf.* "Allegations for Marriage Licenses in Hampshire, in the Registry of the Bishop of Winchester," vol. II., page 95; Harleian Society publications, vol. 36, London, 1893.)

"Robert Parrey, of Portsea, gent., 21, bachelor, and Ann Bremer, of Bath, co. Somerset, 21, spinster; at Portsea, 22 April, 1803" (*ibid.*).

The "Calendar of Marriage Licenses issued by the Faculty Office, 1632-1714" (British Record Society, London, 1905), contains, among many others, the following items:
1684, June 11—William Halley and Sarah Graygoose.

1697, May 10—John Parry and Mary Rogers.
1700, July 5—Nicholas Wright and Jane Farren, *wid.*
1708, June 23—John Parry and Mary Fitzwater.
1708, Sept. 13—John Parry and Dorothy Wentworth.
1708-9, Feb. 14—John Pike and Mary Lee.
1708-9, Feb. 18—John Halley and Sarah Randall.

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